

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		
	Ruben F. Lah	
Serial No.:	10/731,874	Art Unit 1764
Filing Date:	December 9, 2003	
Title:	VALVE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNHEADING COKE DRUM	Conf. No. 6740
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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 for the above-referenced application. The following Amendment and Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action, thus placing the application in condition for allowance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: